

State Of Hawaii
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Division of State Parks
Honolulu, Hawaii
April 13, 2007

Board of Land and Natural Resources
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SUBJECT: Request for Special Use Permit from Hospice of Hilo to use the Large Pavilion and Certain Portions of the Wailoa River State Recreation Area in Hilo, Hawaii for their "Celebration of Life" and "Walk for Hospice" Fundraisers

As previously authorized by the Board, the Hospice of Hilo held their first and second annual Celebration of Life fundraisers at the Wailoa River State Recreation Area in Hilo, Hawaii.

The third annual Celebration of Life is scheduled for May 19, 2007. In their letter of March 19, 2007 (Exhibit A), Hospice of Hilo states that through their volunteers and various vendors, the fundraiser will be selling lunch, i.e. chili and rice, etc., Hospice of Hilo cookbooks, Celebration of Life t-shirt and various craft items. Hospice of Hilo will also be accepting donations for the toronagashi (Japanese style floating lanterns) and pledges for their first annual Walk for Hospice, which will be held in conjunction with the Celebration of Life.

The Special Use Permit will be for May 19, 2007 only.

Hospice of Hilo is recognized as being exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The mission of Hospice of Hilo is to provide support, comfort and interdisciplinary care to the terminal ill and their loved ones and to provide education and grief support to the communities of the Big Island from Laupahoe Point in North Hilo to South Point in Ka'u.

"The primary source of funding for the hospice program is reimbursements from health insurance programs. Most health insurance plans include hospice as a covered benefit. The reimbursement rate of these plans is set by Medicare and Hospice of Hilo accepts these reimbursements as payment-in-full. Health plans reimbursements typically cover the cost of the Interdisciplinary Team, plus the cost of medications, medical supplies and equipment and lab services. For those patients without health insurance, Hospice of Hilo provides the services of the Interdisciplinary Team at no cost."

Staff is recommending approval of Hospice of Hilo's request.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the issuance of a Special Use Permit to Hospice of Hilo for their fundraisers entitled, "Celebration of Life and Walk for Hospice" (Event) at the Wailoa River State Recreation Area (Event Site) in accordance with the representations above-mentioned and subject to the following conditions whereby the Permittee shall:

1. be allowed to collect money (i.e. pledges, donations, vendor fees, etc.) at the Event Site and to operate food concession and vendor booths and sell Hospice of Hilo related merchandise for the duration of the Special Use Permit, provided, the sale of alcoholic beverages is prohibited;
2. provide security for the Event to prevent, among other things, the possession and use of illegal drugs;
3. obtain all necessary County of Hawaii and State of Hawaii permits including, but not limited to, permits from the Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation;
4. procure and maintain, at its own cost and expense, in full force and effect throughout the term of this Special Use permit, commercial general liability insurance, in an amount of at least \$500,000.00 for each occurrence and \$1,000,000.00 aggregate, with an insurance company or companies licensed to do business in the State of Hawaii. The policy or policies of insurance shall name the State of Hawaii as an additional insured. The insurance shall cover the entire Event Site, including all grounds and all roadways or sidewalks on or adjacent to the Event Site in the use or control of the Permittee;
5. operate food service in compliance with all applicable State Department of Health rules and regulations and the Fire Code of the County of Hawaii;
6. waive any and all claims they may have against the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees, and agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify the State of Hawaii and its respective officers, agents and employees from any suits, actions and claims arising out of and in any way connected with the activities permitted under the permit;

7. not obstruct or unreasonably interfere with the general public in their normal use of the Wailoa River State Recreation Area;
8. be liable for repairs, replacement and/or payment for any damages incurred at the Event Site during the period of this permit;
9. pay the appropriate large pavilion rental fee together with an applicable refundable deposit and a \$100 per day commercial rental fee;
11. be responsible for clean up of the Event Site and along the Walk for Hospice route at the conclusion of the Event to the satisfaction of the Department;
12. provide supplies (i.e. toilet paper, soap, etc.) in the restrooms as needed, and shall monitor and clean the restroom on an hourly basis during the hours of the Event;
13. direct parking and traffic flow for the Event;
14. complete its Event, including clean up and vacate the Event Site prior to 12:00 midnight;
12. comply with any other conditions that may be imposed by the Department, the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson and/or rule revisions adopted prior to the commencement of the Event.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel S. Quinn
State Parks Administrator

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL:



PETER T. YOUNG, Chairperson

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RE: Permit # H59263 Celebration of Life

Dear Mr. Taguchi,

Hospice of Hilo's third annual *Celebration of Life* is around the corner and we are pleased to invite generations across East Hawaii to participate in this year's community celebration at Wailoa State Park. Celebrating life through art, education and music, this special community event will include shared remembrance of loved ones and the launch of Hawaii's first Walk for Hospice which will raise needed funds to provide care to the terminally ill and their families.

Envisioned as a time when individuals from all generations and cultural traditions will come together to celebrate the continuum of life through remembrance activities and education, we received a permit on May 24, 2006 to use the large pavilion for this event on May 19, 2007 which will run from 1 p.m. – 8 p.m. As this event has evolved, we are now requesting an exception to the approved permit to allow for money collection at the event. Money will be collected only from the following event activities:

- Chili & Rice Lunch (or equivalent)
- Hospice of Hilo Cookbook
- Celebration of Life T-Shirt
- Craft Items by assorted pre-registered vendors
- Toronagashi (Japanese style floating lanterns)
- Walk Pledges

Money collected at the event will benefit the many members of our community faced with the challenges of end-of-life, funding programs that support patients and families who are facing a terminal illness and services that support those grieving the loss of a loved one. Should you have any questions, please contact Brenda Olcott, Public Relations Manager, at 969-1733.

We thank you for your continued support of the mission of hospice and for helping us to celebrate life and community. Your consideration is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brenda S. Ho

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Executive Director

EXHIBIT A

